Tele-education are two such schemes making use of digital connectivity to reach urban facilities to rural areas. Through tele-medicine, high quality medical care is being extended to rural and remote areas by transmitting the patient data to the specialists in hospitals located in metros and providing video consultancy. The services of super specialists are made available to patients in remote parts of the country in North East region, central parts of India, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, ect. Similarly through tele-educations, high quality education available in urban schools and colleges is made accessible to children in remote parts of the country, especially in villages.

Implementing Rangarajan Commission Recommendations

2648. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up eight Special Technical Committees to draw roadmap for implementing the Rangarajan Commission recommendations, seeking to strengthen the statistical system and data collection in the country;

(b) if so, whether these Committees would expedite the implementation of the remaining 389 recommendations of the Rangarajan Commission;

(c) if so, the total recommendations made and how many recommendations have so far been considered; and

(d) by what time these Committees are likely to implement the plans of these recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES) (a) Yes, Sir. The Ministry has constituted 8 internal Technical Committees to prepare base papers for delineating roadmaps for the implementation of some recommendations of the Rangarajan Commission.

(b) to (d) The Technical Committees are required to suggest roadmaps in respect of 166 identified recommendations. The responsibility of implementing the recommendations lies with the Ministries and

Departments concerned of Government of India. This is not the responsibility of the Technical Committees. So far, no specific time frame has been fixed to implement all these recommendations.

Sports sub-centres in Chennai

2649. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sports Sub-Centres in Chennai as on date;

(b) the details of position of Sports Sub-Centres under construction at present, location-wise and district-wise;

(c) the amount allocated for the said Sub-Centres; and

(d) by when the construction of Sports Sub-Centres are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) No Sub-Centre of Sports Authority of India (SAI) is located in Chennai.

(b) The SAI Sub-Centre at Nagercoil in Tamilnadu was proposed to be established for which the land allotted by the State Government of Tamilnadu fell under the Costal Regulation Zone (CRZ) in which no construction is permitted. The Government of Tamilnadu has been requested for allotment of alternate land. The SAI Sub-Centre in Hazaribagh (Jharkhand) is under construction.

(c) Rs. 10 crore has been allocated for the construction of SAI Sub-Centre in Hazaribagh (Jharkhand) for the current financial year.

(d) The construction work of SAI Sub-Centre Hazaribagh (Jharkhand) is likely to be completed by 31.12.2006.

Funds for Commonwealth Games

2650. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount earmarked for the Commonwealth Games to be held in 2010 in India; and

(b) the total funds released by the Gentral Government so far?